

In the claims:

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A holding device for nail varnish bottles or similar comprising:
 two circular arcs ~~(12)~~ for clamping the holding device ~~(10)~~ between two fingers of a hand; and
 a mounting device ~~(16)~~ for mounting a nail varnish bottle ~~(24)~~ arranged between the circular arcs ~~(12)~~, wherein the mounting device ~~(16)~~ is suspended from both circular arcs ~~(12)~~.
2. (currently amended) The holding device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the circular arcs are substantially constructed as semi-circular rings having a central angle of about 90°.
3. (currently amended) The holding device according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2, characterised in that~~ wherein the mounting device ~~(16)~~ is connected to the two circular arcs ~~(12)~~ by means of two connecting pins ~~(14)~~, which are provided with small balls ~~(18)~~ at their end, said balls being inserted through two associated holes ~~(20)~~ of the circular arc ~~(12)~~.
4. (currently amended) The holding device according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2, characterised in that~~ wherein the mounting device ~~(58)~~ is connected to the circular arcs ~~(52)~~ by a screw ~~(54)~~ and a sleeve nut ~~(56)~~.
5. (currently amended) The holding device for nail varnish bottles or similar comprising:
 a lockable strip ~~(32)~~ for fixing the holding device ~~(30)~~ on a hand or foot joint; and

a mounting device ~~(36)~~ affixed to the strip ~~(32)~~ for mounting a nail varnish bottle ~~(24)~~, wherein the mounting device ~~(36)~~ is fixed to the strip ~~(32)~~ in a suspended manner.

6. (currently amended) The holding device according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the strip ~~(32)~~ has a flexible reinforcement ~~(34)~~ to which the mounting device ~~(36)~~ is affixed.
7. (currently amended) The holding device according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the flexible reinforcement ~~(34)~~ is formed by a flexible plastic film or a flexible plastic lamina.
8. (currently amended) The holding device according to ~~one of~~ claims 5 ~~to 7~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the mounting device ~~(36)~~ is fixed to the strip ~~(32)~~ by means of a connecting pin ~~(40)~~.
9. (currently amended) The holding device according to claim 8 ~~and claim 6 or 7~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the connecting pin ~~(40)~~ is provided with a small ball ~~(38)~~ at its end which is inserted through an associated hole ~~(42)~~ in the reinforcement ~~(34)~~.
10. (currently amended) The holding device according to ~~one of~~ claims 5 ~~to 9~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the strip ~~(32)~~ is elastic.
11. (currently amended) The holding device according to ~~one of~~ claims 5 ~~to 10~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the strip ~~(32)~~ is provided with a Velcro closure ~~(44)~~ for detachable closure of the strip ~~(32)~~.

12. (currently amended) The holding device according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein the mounting device has a ring element ~~(16; 36)~~ with an internal thread ~~(22)~~ for screwing-in the bottle neck of a nail varnish bottle or similar.
13. (currently amended) The holding device according to claim 12, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the ring element ~~(16; 36)~~ tapers conically to allow bottles having different bottle neck diameters to be screwed in.
14. (currently amended) The holding device according to ~~one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 11, characterised in that~~ wherein the mounting device has a spring element ~~(58)~~ for clamping the bottle neck of a nail varnish bottle or similar.
15. (currently amended) The holding device according to claim 3 ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ wherein the mounting device ~~(16, 58)~~ is screwed, stuck or soldered to the connecting pin(s) ~~or the sleeve nut~~.